Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of Civil Citation No. 78849

Mildred Mundey 8 Lyndale Avenue

Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Hearing Officer on July 21, 2010, for a Hearing on a citation for violations of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-4-201; Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) section 101, 102.1, 1B01.1, 428, failure to license or remove the unlicensed motor vehicle in side yard, failure to keep trash contained in trash cans with tight fitting lids on residential property zoned DR 5.5 known as 8 Lyndale Avenue, 21236.

On June 30, 2010, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Jason Seidelman issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars).

The Respondent failed to request a Code Enforcement Hearing and/or failed to appear after requesting a Hearing. Baltimore County Code, § 3-6-205(d) provides that in case of failure to request a Code Enforcement Hearing or if the violator (Respondent) fails to appear after requesting a Hearing then the citation and the civil penalty, shall be the Final Order of the Code Official not subject to appeal.

After proper consideration of all the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer finds:

A. A Correction Notice was issued on June 14, 2010 for removal of untagged/inoperative motor vehicle, store garbage in cans with tight lids. This Citation was issued on June 30, 2010.

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B. Photographs in the file show a car parked outside at the rear of Respondent's property

with expired license plates on the dashboard. County zoning regulations prohibit the outside storage of

inoperative motor vehicles on a residential lot. BCZR Section 428.1(A). The outside storage of

unlicensed motor vehicles is also prohibited, except for one vehicle per dwelling unit for a period not

exceeding 15 days in any calendar year. Section 428.1(B). Respondent has exceeded this limitation.

Respondent must put valid tags on the vehicle and make it operable, or remove it from the property.

C. Notes in the file by Inspector Seidelman state that re-inspection on July 19, 2010 found

the garbage violation corrected, with all garbage properly stored in cans with lids.

D. Because compliance is the goal of code enforcement, the civil penalty will be rescinded

if the untagged/inoperable vehicle violation is corrected within the time provided below.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that a civil penalty be imposed in the

amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the civil penalty will be RESCINDED and reduced to zero

dollars if the violation is corrected by August 23, 2010.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty, as

authorized above, shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the

violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 26th day of July 2010

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED Margaret Z. Ferguson

Baltimore County Hearing Officer

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